

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2866 - SB 3013**

February 11, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires each local education agency (LEA) to adopt a policy requiring all students to perform at least 75 hours of student service prior to receiving their high school diploma. Defines student service as unpaid work done by the student on a voluntary basis to benefit the community. Authorizes the work to be done for, or in cooperation with, a non-profit organization approved by the LEA. Specifies that the student service requirement does not apply to a student with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that does not include this service. Makes the requirement effective for students entering high school on or after July 1, 2012.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures - \$3,474,900\***

**Assumptions:**

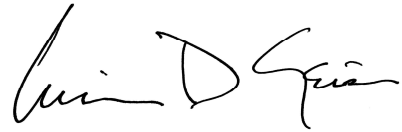
- This requirement must be completed before a high school diploma will be awarded.
- Student service will take place outside of the regular school day.
- According to the Department of Education (DOE), LEAs will be required to provide transportation to students with no other means of getting to their service location.
- LEAs will work with non-profit organizations to designate service sites for students who need transportation.
- There are 351 secondary schools.
- The DOE estimates that school buses will operate 144 days (36 weeks x 4 days per week) to transport students to service locations.
- The cost per bus driver is \$50 per day (\$25 per hour x 2 hours per day).
- The fuel cost is estimated by DOE to be \$0.75 per mile. Each trip will be an average of 25 miles.
- All expenditures for transportation will be paid for by the LEA since this requirement will not affect state and local BEP expenditures.
- The cost for drivers is estimated by DOE to be \$2,527,200 (351 schools x 1 driver per school x \$25 per hour x 2 hours per day x 144 days).

- The DOE estimates that the fuel cost will be \$947,700 (\$0.75 per mile x 25 miles x 351 schools x 144 days).
- The total increase in local expenditures will be \$3,474,900 (\$2,527,200 x \$947,700).
- Increase in local expenditures for the administration of student service programs will be not significant and will be done by existing LEA staff.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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